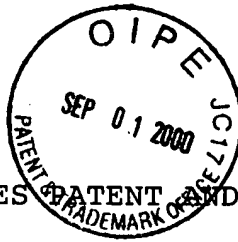


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In re Application of:)
Yasuo SUDA) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 09/604,744) : Group Art Unit: Unknown
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For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS) : September 1, 2000

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Japanese language documents may be relevant as discussed in the specification, and for the reasons apparent from the enclosed English Abstracts.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/604,743	June 28, 2000	Unknown
09/604,745	June 28, 2000	Unknown
09/604,964	June 28, 2000	Unknown
09/604,984	June 28, 2000	Unknown

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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